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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Norihito Fujita

Application No.: 09/727,046

Art Unit: 2662

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Examiner: A. V. Nguyen

For: COMMUNICATION CONNECTION  
MERGE METHOD AND NODE TO BE  
USED THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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Total	12	- 22 =	0	x	0
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\*not less than 20

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